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**Via Electronic Filing**

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45  
*Oral Ex Parte Presentation*

Dear Ms. Salas:

On December 19, 2001, Mary Brown of WorldCom, Inc. (WorldCom) and Ruth Milkman, Lawler, Metzger and Milkman, counsel to WorldCom, met with Carol Matthey, Katherine Schroder, Greg Guice, Bill Scher and Paul Garnett of the FCC's Common Carrier Bureau, and talked by telephone to Matthew Brill, legal advisor to Commissioner Abernathy, to discuss AT&T's comments on the proposed first quarter 2002 universal service contribution factor, filed on December 13, 2001. On December 20, 2001, Ruth Milkman spoke by telephone to Sam Feder, legal advisor to Commissioner Martin regarding the same subject.

In those discussions, WorldCom stated that it did not object to Commission action designed to address the concerns raised by AT&T in its letter of December 13, 2001. WorldCom stated, however, that any action by the Commission should be the minimum necessary to preserve the status quo, and should strive for competitive neutrality.

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Consistent with the Commission's rules, an original and one copy of this letter are being provided to you for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Sincerely,

Ruth Milkman

cc: Katherine Schroder  
Carol Matthey  
Paul Garnett  
Greg Guice  
Bill Scher  
Matthew Brill  
Sam Feder